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**HIS
MAJESTIES
Gracious Letter**

And

**DECLARATION,
Sent to the House of PEERS,
By Sir John Greenwill, Knight.**

From

BREDA:

And read in the House the first of May, 1660.

Die Martis, 1^o Maii, 1660.

O Rdered by the Lords in Parliament Assembled,
*That His Majesties Gracious Letter and Decla-
ration be forthwith Printed and Published, for the Ser-
vice of the House and Satisfaction of the Kingdom:
And that no Person do presume to Re-Print either of
them.*

**JO. BROWN Clerk.
Parliamentarium.**

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Printers to the House of Lords, 1660.**

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The first of these is the fact that the
 Government has been unable to secure
 the necessary funds to carry out its
 policy of non-interference in the
 internal affairs of the country.

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**TO THE
SPEAKER**

OF THE

House of Peers,

And to the

LORDS

There Assembled.

CHARLES R.

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ight Trusty and Right Well-
Beloved Cousins, and Right Tru-
sty and Well-Beloved Cousins,
and Trusty and Right Well-Be-
loved,

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loved, We Greet you Well: We cannot have a better reason to promise Our Self an end of Our Common Sufferings and Calamities, and that Our Own Just Power and Authority will with Gods Blessing be Restored to Us, then that We hear You are again acknowledged to have that Authority and Jurisdiction, which hath always belonged to You, by Your Birth, and the Fundamental Laws of the Land: And VVe have thought it very fit and safe for Us, to call to you for your help in the composing the confounding Distempers and Distractions of the Kingdom, in which your Sufferings are next to those VVe have undergone Our Self; And therefore you cannot but be the most proper Counsellors for removing those Mischiefs, and for preventing the like for the future: How great a Trust We repose in you for the Procuring and Establishing a Blessed Peace and Security for the Kingdom, will appear to You by Our Enclosed Declaration; which Trust, VVe are most confident You will discharge with that Justice and

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and VVisdome, that becomes You, and must
alwayes be expected from You; and that
upon your Experience, how one Violation
Succeeds another, when the known Rela-
tions, and Rules of Justice, are once trans-
gressed, you will be as jealous for the
Rights of the Crown, and for the Honour
of your King, as for your Selves: And
then you cannot but discharge your Trust
with good Success, and provide for, and
Establish the Peace, Happiness, and Ho-
nour of King, Lords, and Commons, up-
on that Foundation which can only sup-
port it, and VVe shall be all happy in
each other: And as the whole Kingdome
will bless God for you all, so VVe shall
hold Our Self obliged in an especial man-
ner to thank you in particular, according
to the Affection you shall expresse towards
Us: VVe need the less enlarge to you up-
on this Subject, because VVe have likewise
writ to the House of Commons, which VVe
suppose they will Communicate to you:
And VVe pray God to bless your joynt En-
deavours

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deavours for the good of Us all: and so
VVe bid you very heartily farewell. Given
at our Court at *Breda*, this *Day*
of *April*, 1660. In the Twelfth Year of
our Reign.

And thus I have thought fit to
write to the Hon^{ble} of *Comons*, which VVe
suppose they will Communicate to you:
And VVe pray God to bless your joynt En-
deavours. And as the whole Kingdom
will bless God for you all, so VVe shall
hold Our self obliged in an especial man-
ner to the Hon^{ble} of *Comons*, according
to the Advice you in particular, according
to the Advice you shall express towards
Us: VVe need the less charge to you up-
on this point, because VVe have likewise
written to the Hon^{ble} of *Comons*, which VVe
suppose they will Communicate to you:
And VVe pray God to bless your joynt En-
deavours.

CHARLES



Charles R.



CHARLES

By the Grace of God King
of *England, Scotland, France,*
and *Ireland*, Defender of the
Faith, &c. To all Our Lo-
ving Subjects of what de-
gree or quality soever, Gree-

ting: If the generall Distraction and Confusion
which is spread over the whole Kingdome, doth
not awaken all men to a desire and longing, that
those wounds which have so many yeers toge-
ther been kept bleeding, may be bound up, all
We can say will be to no purpose. However af-

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ter this long silence, We have thought it Our duty to Declare, How much We desire to Contribute thereto; and that as We can never give over the hope in good time to obtain the possession of that Right which God and Nature hath made Our Due; So We doe make it Our daily Suit to the Divine Providence, That He will in compassion to Us and Our Subjects, after so long Misery and Sufferings, remit, and put Us into a quiet and peaceable possession of that Our Right, with as little blood and dammage to Our people as is possible. Nor doe We desire more to enjoy what is Ours, then that all Our Subjects may enjoy what by Law is theirs, by a full and entire Administration of Justice throughout the Land, and by extending Our Mercy where it is wanted and deserved.

And to the End that the feare of Punishment may not engage any conscious to themselves of what is passed, to a perseverance in guilt for the future, by opposing the Quiet and Happinesse of their Country in the Restoration both of King, Peers and People to their just, ancient, and Fundamental

damentall Rights, We doe by these presents Declare, That We doe grant a Free and General Pardon, which We are ready upon demand to passe under Our Great Seal of *England*, to all Our Subjects of what degree or quality soever, who within forty dayes after the publishing hereof shall lay hold upon this Our Grace and Favour; and shall by any publick Act declare their doing so, and that they return to the Loyalty and obedience of good Subjects: Excepting only such persons as shall hereafter be excepted by Parliament: Those onely excepted, let all Our Subjects how faulty soever relie upon the Word of a King, solemnly given by this present Declaration, That no crime whatsoever committed against Us, or Our Royall Father before the publication of this, shall ever rise in judgement, or be brought in question against any of them, to the least endammagement of them, either in their Lives, Liberties or Estates, or (as far forth as lyes in Our power) so much as to the prejudice of their Reputations, by any Reproach or term of distinction from the rest of Our best Subjects. We desiring and Ordaining that hence forward

all Notes of discord, separation and difference of parties be utterly abolished among all Our Subjects, whom We invite and conjure to a perfect Union among themselves, under Our Protection, for the Re-settlement of Our just Rights and theirs in a Free Parliament, by which upon the Word of a King, We will be advised.

And because the Passion and uncharitableness of the times have produced severall Opinions in Religion, by which men are engaged in parties and animosities against each other, which when they shall hereafter unite in a freedom of conversation will be composed, or better understood: We do declare a Liberty to tender Consciences; and that no man shall be disquieted or call'd in question for differences of opinion in matter of Religion, which doe not disturbe the Peace of the Kingdom; And that We shall be ready to Consent to such an Act of Parliament, as upon mature deliberation shall be offered to Us for the full granting that Indulgence.

And

And because in the continued distractions of so many yeares, and so many and great Revolutions, many Grants and Purchases of Estates have been made to, and by, many Officers, Souldiers, and others, who are now possessed of the same, and who may be lyable to Actions at Law upon severall Titles, We are likewise willing, That all such Differences, and all things relating to such Grants, Seals, and Purchases shall be determined in Parliament, which can best provide for the just satisfaction of all men who are concerned.

And We doe further declare, That We will be ready to consent to any Act or Acts of Parliament to the purposes aforelaid, and for the full satisfaction of all Arreares due to the Officers and Souldiers of the Army under the Command of Generall Monck: And that they shall be received into Our Service upon as good pay and Conditions as they now enjoy,

Given

*Given under Our Signe Manuall and Pri-
vy Signet at Our Court at Breda this
 $\frac{4}{14}$ day of April 1660. in the twelfth year
of Our Raign.*

L O N D O N,
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the House of LORD S.**

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